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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(Report #164 - As of 12:00 noon EDT)

1. A US Embassy situation report of 8:00 am EDT this morning states that the rebels have followed up their establishment of a "government" by sending a request for recognition to 36 countries. In their request the rebel government makes the claim that it "has the complete backing of the Dominican people" and that it has "control over the national territory." The embassy comments that the rebels do not come close to either claim and hold only a relatively small sector of downtown Santo Domingo. Nonetheless, the embassy notes that as long as the loyalist junta fails to broaden itself, the rebels will retain the initiative.

2. The embassy also reports that the Organization of American States (OAS) peace commission, except for the Panamanian delegate, left for Washington about midnight last night. The governors of the northern provinces called on the commission to make plain that they did not "recognize" the Caamano group and to express their hope that the commission would work for the establishment of a provisional government made up of "respectable, apolitical leaders."

3. The US Ambassador took the occasion in his talks with the OAS commission to inform them that a Red Cross truck with rebel arms had been discovered and detained during the day of 5 May as it tried to cross the international safety zone.

4. US Commander Atlantic Forces reports that two Venezuelan destroyers arrived at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the morning of 5 May. The commander of this force is Captain Guevara Suarez who said they had been ordered to report to the "Commander of the Inter-American Forces" off the Dominican Republic. The inter-American forces, however, had not yet been formally constituted.

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